

The State of Ohio  
Hamilton County

On this seventh day  
of October Eighteen Hundred and Seventy  
One personally appeared before me George  
F. Haefner Judge of the Probate Court  
in and for said County of Hamilton Ohio  
Frederick F. Behlmann whom I certify  
to be respectable and entitled to credit, and  
who being by me duly sworn says that he  
is now over fifty ~~four~~ years of age has  
resided in and near the City of Cincinnati  
for over thirty-eight Years, and that he  
is well acquainted with Henry Sommette  
Esq for over forty five Years, having attended  
School with him over forty five Years ago.  
That said Henry Sommette is now about  
fifty six years old, that about the year  
1833. said Henry Sommette left the City  
of Cincinnati for the South, that he often  
received and saw different Letters written by him  
to himself and his Mother from different places  
in the South, that in the Month of May or  
or September 1836 <sup>as far as I now recollect</sup> self received a letter from  
said Henry Sommette making enquires about  
his Mother, <sup>had info about</sup> in the Month of June 1837 I  
saw and read a letter written by said Henry  
Sommette to his Mother then residing in the  
City of Cincinnati which letter was dated  
at "Camp Libolo" in the then Republic of  
Lopes, part of the contents of said letter wherein  
he will "that for the last six Months he had  
been camping out under the open sky"